

Remarks

As will be discussed below, considering that these amendments clearly place the application in condition for allowance and do not raise any new issues that would require new searching or consideration by the Examiner, entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Status of All of the Claims

Below is the status of the claims in this application.

1. Claim(s) pending: 1-15, 21-25, and 31-34.
2. Claim(s) canceled: 16-20, 26-30, and 35.
3. Claim(s) added: none.
4. Claims withdrawn from consideration but not canceled: none.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-15 and 31-34 and for indicating that claim 26 also contained allowable subject. In the present amendment, the features of dependent claim 26 have been incorporated into independent claim 21, and claim 26 has been canceled. Consequently, it is believed that independent claim 21 and its dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in full condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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